AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Title of the Invention

Please replace the current title with the following amended title:

METHOD FOR PREPARING A LITHIUM AND VANADIUM OXIDE OF THE $\text{Li}_{(1+\alpha)} \ V_3O_8 \ \text{TYPE}$

Abstract of the Invention

Please replace the current Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

The invention relates to a method for preparing a lithium and vanadium oxide and the thus obtained products. The method comprises preparing a precursor gel by reacting hydrogen peroxide with $\underline{\alpha} - V_2 O_5 + V_2 O_6 - \alpha$ in an aqueous medium in the presence of a lithium <u>precursor precursor</u> and exposing the gel to a heat treatment in an oxidant atmosphere at a temperature ranging from 260°C to 580°C. A compound of a formula Li_{1-α}V₃O₈, (0.1 < α < 0.25) comprises needle-shaped grains having a bimodal distribution, wherein the length (L) of the first distribution needles ranges from 10 to 50 μ m and the length (L) of the second distribution needles ranges from 140 to 10 μ m.